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FLORIDA MAN INDICTED FOR COUNTERFEIT CREDIT CARD CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Florida man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for participating in a counterfeit credit card conspiracy.

Omar Martinez Suferry, 43, of Hialeah, Fla., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Suferry** used counterfeit credit cards at various businesses in Osage, Boone, Cole, Pettis, Callaway, Jackson and Adair counties in Missouri to purchase \$1,000 or more worth of merchandise from as early as Aug. 23, 2003 to Oct. 2, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Suferry** participated in a criminal conspiracy to use counterfeit credit cards. **Suferry** allegedly met with an individual in Florida in August or September 2003, who directed him to travel to Pennsylvania to obtain counterfeit credit cards. **Suferry** then traveled to Pennsylvania, the indictment alleges, where he obtained at least nine counterfeit American Express, Visa and Mastercard credit cards in the name of Angel Ruiz, as well as a false Pennsylvania commercial driver's license in the name of Angel Ruiz and bearing **Suferry's** photograph.

According to the indictment, **Suferry** used the counterfeit credit cards to purchase cartons of cigarettes from various merchants.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Social Security Administration, the Osage County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Gasconade County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Trenton, Mo., Police Department.

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